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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT (MAY 2005)

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1. Summary: EXBS Advisor work this month focused mainly on moving the Government of Turkey forward in the Internal Control Program (ICP), Product Identification Tool (PIT) and Commodity Identification Training (CIT). EXBS Advisor was effective in getting the GOT to approve visits by delegations to work directly on the CIT project and the Second Line of Defense (SLD) in June. These visits will greatly assist these projects to move forward. EXBS Advisor also reviewed Turkey's participation in PSI activities and discussed ways to maintain Turkey's engagement in this initiative, and became the point person for discussions on the U.S./Turkey Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Agreement and the impact the lack of this Agreement will have on the exchange of nuclear fuel held by Turkey. Finally, EXBS Advisor continued negotiations for an appropriate signing ceremony for the NP Cooperation Agreement.

2. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period

A. Site Assessment and Meetings During Recent Reporting Period

1) May 4- EXBS Advisor met with Department Head for Customs Enforcement Mehmet Guzel to review EXBS program work with the Turkish Customs, specifically CIT and the Risk Management Workshop. EXBS Advisor reviewed the current status of the CIT project from the U.S. prospective and reinforced the need for a joint TAEK and Turkish Customs meeting to review the project and identify milestones. He also reviewed, in general, a timeline for future activities including an overview visit by DOE personnel and the CIT Refresher course that was previously rescheduled. Guzel reviewed the status of the Border Crossing modernization project at Habur Gate, which is now scheduled to begin in June, and the recently announced project for the Cilvegozu crossing with Syria, which could begin later this year. EXBS Advisor informed Guzel that it appears that the NP Cooperation Agreement could be signed soon, which will allow further cooperation including the restart of the SLD project and further cooperation with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Finally, EXBS Advisor reviewed proposed plan to visit selected crossing with Syria, and requested assistance from Guzel to schedule meetings with appropriate officials in these locations.

2) May 6- EXBS Advisor met with new MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Head of Department Osman Yavuzalp to conduct monthly update meeting on current projects in progress in Turkey, including Internal Control Program (ICP), Commodity Identification Training (CIT), Product Identification Tool (PIT) and Second Line of Defense (SLD), along with the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI). EXBS Advisor informed Yavuzalp that the Embassy was awaiting final official notification approving the suggested Turkish word change and Turkish version of the Agreement. Once this was received, a signing ceremony could be scheduled. EXBS Advisor proposed upcoming visits by members of the Department of Energy working on the SLD and CIT projects. Yavuzalp agreed, once the NP Agreement was signed, it would be the right time to begin more formal planning on these projects. On the subject of PSI, Yavuzalp informed EXBS Advisor that Turkey has formed an Interministerial Coordination Group chaired by MFA and TGS. The first meeting, on May 5, was very successful; there are plans to hold these meetings monthly in the future. Finally, EXBS Advisor informed Yavuzalp of his discussions with Turkish Customs of visits to selected border crossing during the upcoming months. These visits will allow EXBS Advisor to better support areas of border cooperation between the United States and Turkey. Yavuzalp was in support of this idea, but requested notification of the timing and destination of the EXBS Advisor proposed travel as a courtesy.

3) May 27- EXBS Advisor met with the Head of Nuclear Safety Department of the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK), Aysun Yucel to discuss various issues, including the current status of the CIT project and the importance of the upcoming DOE CIT team visit in June. EXBS

Advisor presented several documents for use by the Core Technical Group in preparation for the upcoming meeting. Yucel informed EXBS Advisor that she will be meeting with customs representatives prior to the meetings to better prepared a one voice approach from the GOT on the CIT project. EXBS Advisor also discussed several areas of mutual support in the exchange of information concerning seizures made by Turkish customs both at the Georgian and Iraq borders. According to Yucel, the U.S. request for additional information will be reviewed and supported if possible. Finally, EXBS Advisor renewed the offer for a set of meetings with members of the US DOE and TAEK to discuss areas of joint cooperation for the Reduction of Nuclear Threats in the region.

1B. Training Conducted During Reporting Period: None

1C. Equipment Delivered During Reporting Period: None

1D. Imminent Training or Equipment Status Update: None

1E. Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security:

1) Both the GOT and the U.S. have agreed to the wording of the NP Cooperation Agreement with authority being delegated to the Ambassador to sign on behalf of the United States. This agreement will open the path for full engagement of all aspects of the EXBS program with Turkey. A signing ceremony for the NP Agreement is being proposed for June 14th. The Agreement will require ratification by the Turkish Parliament, which is expected by the end of the summer.

13. Future Activities

1A. Jun 1-3- EXBS Advisor to attend EXBS Program Washington Manager's Meeting with Program Advisors in Vienna, Austria.

1B. Jun 9 - DOE NNSA to participate in CIT Overview Meetings with TAEK and Turkish Customs officials

1C. Jun 14- Signing ceremony for the United States/Turkey Non-Proliferation Cooperation Agreement

1C. Jun 15-17 - DOE SLD team visit to conduct planning meetings and begin coordination of Implementation Agreement for the SLD project.

14. Red Flag Issues: None

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